

## Prominent political consultant and former U.S. senator serve as Sanders Scholars

**T**wo renowned individuals joined the University of Georgia School of Law faculty as Carl E. Sanders Political Leadership Scholars this academic year – Paul E. Begala, political contributor on CNN’s “The Situation Room” and former counselor to President Bill Clinton, and former U.S. Sen. Wyche Fowler Jr.

During the fall semester, Begala taught Law and Policy, Politics and the Press, while Fowler is teaching a course on the U.S. Congress and the Constitution this spring.



*Political consultant  
Paul Begala*

As a former top-ranking White House official, political consultant, corporate communications strategist and university professor, Begala has spent his career at the intersection of politics, policy and the press.

He first entered the national political scene after his consulting firm, Carville & Begala, aided Bill Clinton in his successful run for the White House in 1992.

After the election, he served as counselor to the president, helping to define and to

promote the administration’s agenda.

Currently, Begala serves as Research Professor of Government at Georgetown University and is also a political analyst and commentator for CNN, where he previously co-hosted “Crossfire.”

While on campus, Begala also delivered a speech to the university community titled “Politics 2008: Serious Business or Show Business for Ugly People?”



*Former U.S. Sen.  
Wyche Fowler*

Currently, Fowler is engaged in an international business and law practice and serves as chair of the board of the Middle East Institute, a nonprofit research foundation in Washington, D.C.

He began his public service career as an Atlanta City Council member, while still in law school at Emory University, and was ultimately chosen to serve as city council president.

In 1977, Fowler was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Nine years later, he was elected to the U.S. Senate where he was assistant floor leader.

He was later appointed U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Among the numerous recognitions he has received are: the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s highest civilian honor, the Jefferson Cup; selection as the Most Effective Legislator by the Southern Governors’ Association; and the Central Intelligence Agency “Seal” medallion for dedicated service.

Named for Georgia’s 74th governor and 1948 Georgia Law alumnus, Carl E. Sanders, the Sanders Chair in Political Leadership was created to give law students the opportunity to learn from individuals who have distinguished themselves in politics or other forms of public service.

Previous Sanders Political Leadership Scholars include: former U.S. Attorney General and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Griffin B. Bell, former Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox, former U.S. Department of Commerce Deputy Secretary Theodore W. “Ted” Kassing (J.D.’78), former U.S. Sen. J. Maxwell “Max” Cleland and former Georgia Supreme Court Justice George T. Smith (LL.B.’48).